

Meeting Minutes
Thursday - Friday, January 16-17, 2014
Edgecombe County Schools

Called to Order by: Ralph Evans, Director

Members Present: **Day 1**

Vivian Bullock, Linda Bulluck, Brenda Dail, Sandra Hardy, Monique Hicks, Hans Lassiter, Twanna Morales, Erika Newkirk, Charlene Pittman, Sonya Rinehart, and Dannie Williams.

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Day 2

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Members Absent: **Day 1**

Sharon Arrington, Lisa Bowen, Shelia Cumisky, Elizabeth Edwards, Tracy Gary, Tracy Kidd, Sandy Meads, Christa Monroe, Jamar Perry, Marianne Russell, Dr. Brenda Tinkham, Dottie Wardsworth, Fannie Williams, Dr. Sheila Williams, and Brenda Winborne.

Day 2

Agenda: The agenda was approved as presented. (Moved by Brenda Dail, seconded by Dannie Williams, and approved unanimously).

Minutes: The minutes were approved as presented with a typo correction. (Moved by Vivian Bullock, seconded by Erika Newkirk, and approved unanimously).

Budget Report: The budget report was approved as presented. (Moved by Brenda Dail, seconded by Sandra Hardy, and approved unanimously).

Information Items: **Director's Report**

- **Update Collaborative Calendar / Birthdays:**

Happy **January** birthday to

- Jamar Perry – 12
- Hans Lassiter – 15
- Sandra Hardy – 25

- **Updated 2013-14 meeting schedule**

- **Website Updates.** Ralph shared modifications to Collaborative websites.

- **Membership Dues** – all in!
- **Best Practice Sharing.** Sandra Hardy and [REDACTED] volunteered to share best practices at our February 7 meeting.
- **Next meeting** will be held at the Hawkins Educational Center – 435 W Franklin St, Warrenton, NC 27589
- **Support Coach Update.** Ralph distributed the current status of Teacher Talk reports received so far by LEA.
- **2014-15 Meeting Schedule.** Ralph shared a draft of the meeting schedule for next year for review. The group requested that next year's retreat be scheduled for January 22-23, 2015.

Regional and Partner Updates

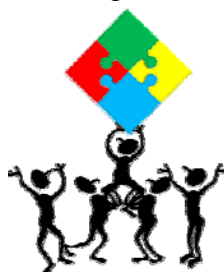
Sonya Rinehart and Erika Newkirk gave a report regarding their recent round table meeting. In that meeting, Dr. Atkinson and Dr. Garland asked them to share with educators that they understand the difficulty they are experiencing with some of the new initiatives mandated by the State and they are doing what they can to provide support to educators. Other items discussed included:

- New professional development opportunities provided by PD Leads
- Accountability
- Increase in graduation rates for NC
- Update on the Peer Review Process

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Action Items:

- **Spring Conference 2014:** The Collaborative approved spring conference plans as follows:
 - Individual conference registration fee - \$220
 - Single lodging – additional \$112
 - Guest meals - \$45
 - Menu as recommended by the Flame (caterer)
 - Theme: Piecing It All Together to Support Beginning Teachers



- Logo:
- Videographer: Barbara Toti, Gates County Schools
- Introduction of speakers: Hertford BT (Friday), Bertie BT (Sunday)

- Changed beginning time of closing general session to 10:30.
(Moved by Sonya Rinehart, seconded by Linda Bulluck, and approved unanimously).

Work Session:

Plus/Delta: **January 16**

The Collaborative used a Plus/Delta form to provide feedback on the meeting. A summary of results is listed below.

- Plus
 - Decisions on Spring Conference were confirmed
 - Sharing of Best Practices were helpful
 - Meeting was very organized with informative information
 - Director is a strong leader
 - Location, Room set up, Lunch and Snacks were great
 - The location was great
 - Ralph did an outstanding job with planning and sharing the Conference Information
 - The Collaboration is great
 - The sharing session was great!!
 - I am learning a great deal through the collaborative
 - Interactions with other LEA's were positive.
 - Best practices presentations were excellent.
 - The collaboration and collaborative opportunities were awesome and excellent.
 - Great discussion on Critical Attributes
 - Best Practices were very informational
 - Enjoyed the retreat and the fellowship
 - Great hostess (wonderful gifts)
 - Lunch was delicious
 - Great refreshments
 - The sharing of information was awesome!! We were able to ask questions...it was great. Great work on getting work done on the conference!!
- Delta
 - This is a tough time of the year to meet and be away from our schools. Glad we are going to change next year.
 - The date of the meeting. It was challenging for me to attend due to testing.
 - None
 - The old school coffee pot scared me! Hehe
- Comments
 - The northeast is lucky to have a group like this to collaborate and share ideas together. I am sure that we have better BT programs because of

- this group and the strong leader.
- Great day!
- I like this facility

Plus/Delta:
January 17

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Announcements:

The next meeting will be held in Warren County at Hawkins Educational Center – 435 W Franklin St, Warrenton, NC 27589 February 7, 2014, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.

Thanks to Charlene and Edgecombe County Schools for hosting the retreat, we had a great time.

Adjourn:

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

_____, Director

_____, Recording Secretary